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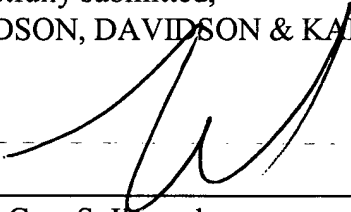
Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the document listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-noted patent application.

It is respectfully requested that the reference cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 Form be considered and made of record.

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